

# IBM 4758 Model 2 Security Policy

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## 1 Scope of Document

This document describes the services that the IBM 4758 Model 2, with IBM Miniboot software resident in ROM and FLASH, provides to a population of security officers, and the security policy governing access to those services.

**Background of Family** The IBM 4758 is a programmable secure coprocessor. It consists of:

- base *hardware*;
- *Miniboot* software, which controls the security and configuration of the device;
- higher *system software* and *application* layers

The combination of the hardware and Miniboot comprise the security foundation of the 4758. What a particular 4758 ends up doing is controlled by the higher software layers. However, what goes into these layers, and under what circumstances their secrets are preserved or destroyed, is controlled by the Miniboot layers. (One might think of the base hardware as a fortress, and of Miniboot as the guard at the front gate.)

The validation of this basic platform establishes that, no matter what is loaded into Layer 2 and Layer 3, this platform is secure.

- Miniboot correctly configures and identifies what's in these layers, in accordance with our policy, each time Miniboot runs.
- If an entity uses an outbound private key which Miniboot certified to belong to an untampered card in a specified application configuration, then either:
  - that entity is that application configuration on that untampered card,
  - or that application configuration on that card gave away its key.

The original Model 1 was introduced in August 1997. In November 1998, the foundational hardware and software received the world's first FIPS 140-1 Level 4 validation. Subsequently, the Model 13 was introduced, which consisted of the same basic "Model 1" device, but with weaker tamper detection; the Model 13 received a FIPS 140-1 Level 3 validation.

In 2000, IBM plans to introduce two additional members of this family: the Model 2, and the Model 23. These devices consist of the follow-on "Model 2" device, with differing levels of physical security. Table 1 summarizes these variations.

<i>Model</i>	<i>Base Hardware</i>	<i>Software</i>	<i>Physical Security</i>	<i>Overall FIPS</i>
Model 1	Original	Original Miniboot	Level 4	Level 4
Model 13	Original	Original Miniboot	Level 3	Level 3
Model 2	Follow-on	Follow-on Miniboot	Level 4	Level 4 (intended)
Model 23	Follow-on	Follow-on Miniboot	Level 3	Level 3 (intended)

**Table 1** Summary of IBM 4758 Product Family

**Follow-on Hardware** The follow-on hardware offers significant performance improvements over the original hardware:

- The internal CPU is now a 99MHz 486.
- The internal battery-backed SRAM has gone up to 32K
- The DES engine now does DES at approximately 50 megabytes a second, and outer-CBC TDES at approximately 15 megabytes a second—both measured from the host.
- With our new modular math engine, we can now measure over 200 RSA private-key operations a second (1024-bit exponent, random) from the host. (The new modular math engine also has a fixed operation time independent of data, thus rendering software blinding unnecessary.)
- We also have hardware support for SHA-1 hashing.

**Outbound Authentication** Miniboot for the follow-on hardware also completes our original security architecture by including full *outbound authentication* support, enabling applications *at runtime* to authenticate themselves, their software configuration and the fact they are executing on untampered hardware.

With outbound authentication, secure coprocessor applications become first-class cryptographic entities empowered to participate in a full range of protocols: from signing messages, to receiving encrypted messages, to exchanging keys with programs running on the other side of the Internet, to signing back-ups for themselves.

**Model 2** This document describes the policy for Model 2: the follow-on hardware, with Level 4 physical security.

## 2 Applicable Documents

- the FIPS 140-1 standard, the *Derived Test Requirements*, and on-line implementation guidelines
- DES: FIPS PUB 46-3, FIPS PUB 74, and FIPS PUB 81
- SHA-1: FIPS PUB 180-1
- DSS: FIPS PUB 186-2
- Pseudorandom Number Generation: Appendix 3 of FIPS PUB 186.
- Optimal Asymmetric Encryption Padding (OAEP), developed by M. Bellare and P. Rogaway and specified in the *Secure Electronic Transaction (SET) Specification Book 2: Programmer's Guide and Book 3: Formal Protocol Definition*
- *Digital Signature Scheme Giving Message Recovery*: ISO/IEC 9796
- the 3DES standard, ANSI X9.52, *Triple Data Encryption Algorithm Modes Of Operation*
- the RSA standard, ANSI X9.31

## 3 Secure Coprocessor Overview

### 3.1 General Overview

A multi-chip embedded product, the IBM 4758 Model 2 is intended to be a high-end *secure coprocessor*: a device—with a general-purpose computation environment and high-performance crypto support—that executes software and retains secrets, despite most foreseeable physical or logical attack. Customers can use this secure platform as a foundation for their own secure applications, which may range from crypto APIs to digital media distribution.

**Miniboot** Our foundational Miniboot code helps achieve this security goal by permitting software (including updates to Miniboot itself)

- to load and execute safely,
- while allowing participants to authenticate that they are interacting with a specific untampered device in a specific software configuration.

**Authenticating the Configuration** Verifying that one is interacting with an untampered device operating the correct software is necessary for both classes of applications:

- **Standalone devices, such as cryptographic accelerators.** Research results show that if a user cannot verify that their crypto box is *both* untampered, and operating the intended software, then their entire cryptographic operation is threatened. For example, the Young and Yung attack shows how an adversary can replace the key generation algorithm with one that appears to behave completely correctly and “randomly”—except the adversary can learn all the keys.
- **Distributed applications.** Many e-commerce scenarios require that one party be able to trust computation that occurs at a remote site, which is under the physical control of a party who may benefit from tampering with this computation. See Figure 1.

As noted earlier, our follow-on device provides full outbound authentication for all layers of software. (The original device stopped at Layer 1.)

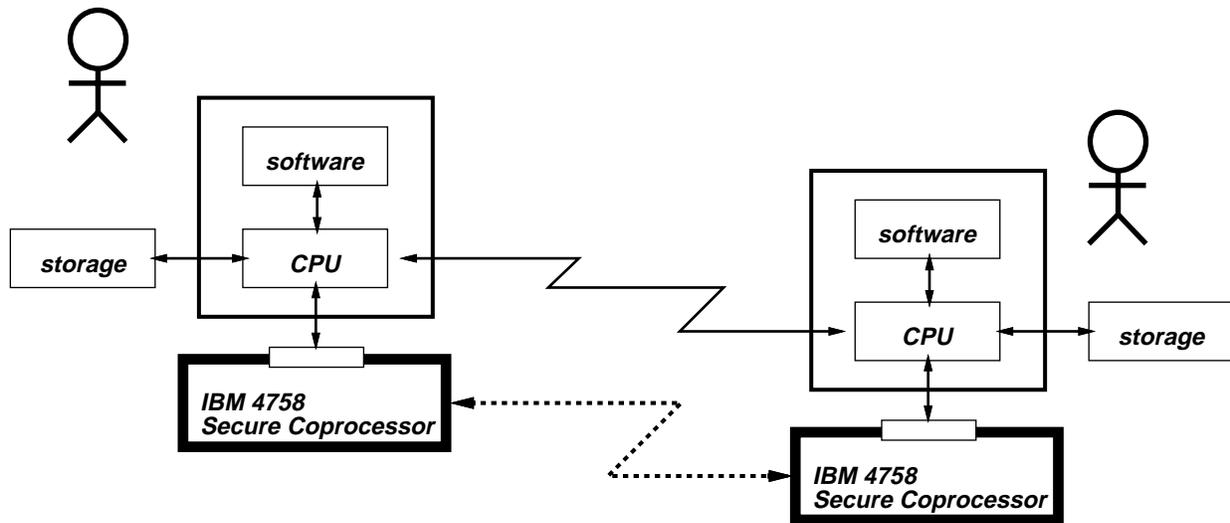
**Maximum Flexibility, Minimal Trust** We provide these security properties while also accommodating these constraints:

- no trusted couriers or on-site security officers are needed
- IBM maintains no database of device secrets
- IBM need never see application software
- rewritable software can fail, or behave with malice
- IBM (or other software developers) have no “backdoor access” to customer’s on-card secrets

**Secure Platform** Our goal is to produce a secure platform on which developers (including IBM) can build secure applications.

Our module, for validation, consists of the IBM 4758 Model 2 hardware, along with the foundational Miniboot software for the follow-on hardware.

By obtaining FIPS validation for our *hardware* and *bootstrap/configuration control software* (Layer 0 and Layer 1, in Figure 3), we make it easy for developers to build and deploy secure, FIPS-validatable applications—since they simply



**Figure 1** Our goal is to enable users, who have never met, to buy our hardware, download software from their chosen security officers, then interact securely—each able to verify that they are talking to the *real thing*, doing the *right thing*.

have to prepare validation documentation for their additional software, and have it evaluated for secure operation with this module.

Validating this platform at Level 4 customers the flexibility to design to any FIPS levels.

**More Information** For more details on the security architecture of the IBM 4758 family of devices, see:

- S. W. Smith, S. H. Weingart. “Building a High-Performance, Programmable Secure Coprocessor.” *Computer Networks, Special Issue on Network Security*. 31: 831-860. April 1999.

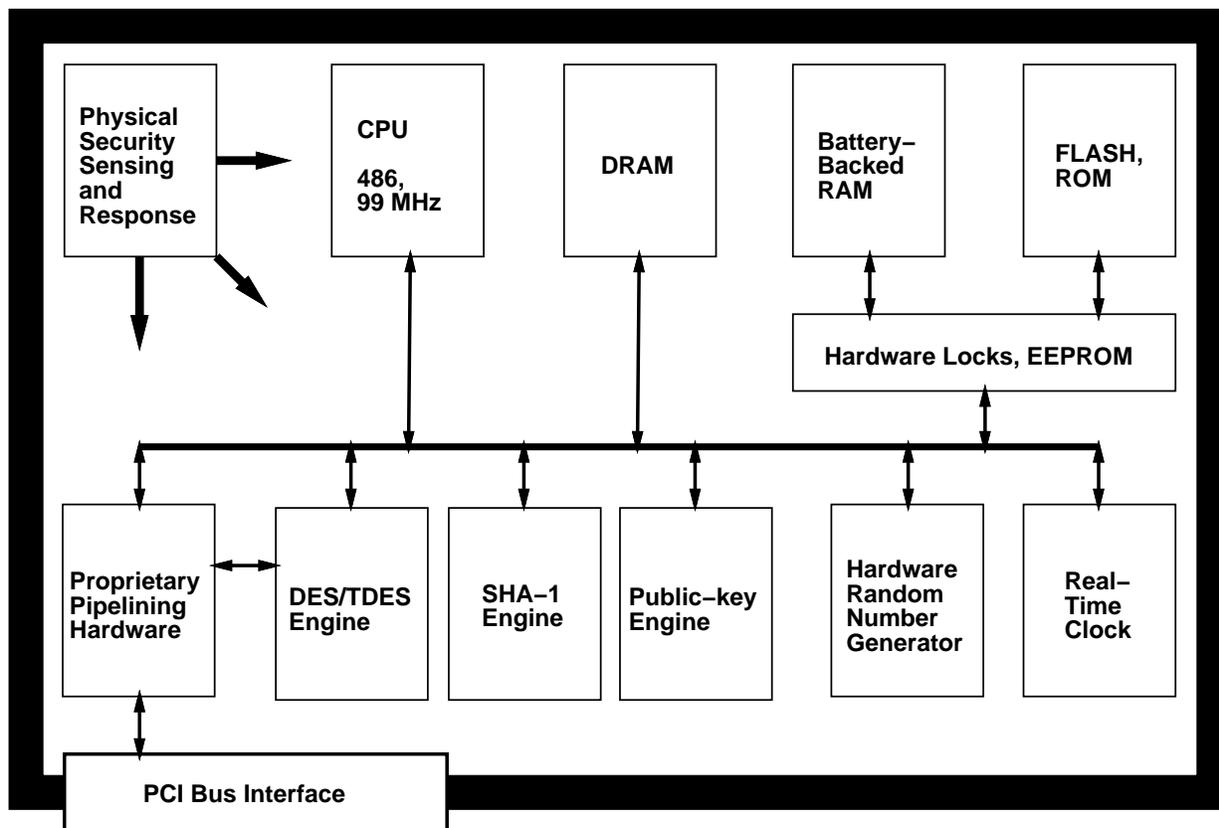
(A preprint is available on the IBM Security web site.)

### 3.2 Architecture and Resources

The IBM 4758 Model 2 incorporates state-of-the-art hardware security and cryptography technology, including:

- hardware-noise random number generation
- modular exponentiation hardware
- DES hardware
- SHA-1 hardware
- protective, tamper-resondent membrane
- tamper detection and response circuitry

See Figure 2.



**Figure 2** IBM 4758 Model 2 hardware architecture.

**Physical Security** Our device is Level 4-tamper-protected for life, from the moment it leaves the factory vault. When the internal tamper circuitry that is *always* active detects physical penetrations, it near-instantly *zeroizes* internal secrets by explicitly crowbaring the memory devices. The protection circuitry also detects and responds to other environmental attacks, including temperature and voltage.

**Software Architecture** The internal software architecture is divided into four layers.

The foundational two layers—submitted for this validation—control the security and configuration of the device. These layers come shipped with the device.

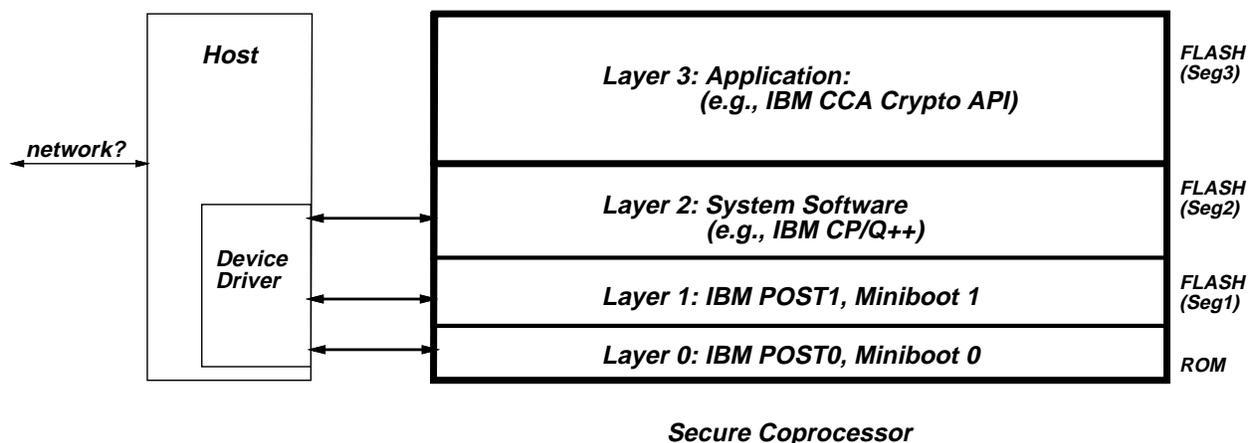
- Layer 0: Permanent POST0 (Power-on Self Test) and Miniboot 0 (security bootstrap).
- Layer 1: Rewritable POST1 and Miniboot 1

The upper two layers customize the operation of each individual device.

- Layer 2: System Software. Supervisor-level code.
- Layer 3: Application code.

These two layers are added in the field. The foundational Miniboot software ensures that installation, maintenance, and update of these layers can proceed safely in a hostile environment.

See Figure 3.



**Figure 3** IBM 4758 Model 2 software architecture.

**Memory** The internal non-volatile memory components consist of FLASH, battery-backed static RAM (*BBRAM*), and *EEPROM*. The memory resources are organized according to this layer structure.

- FLASH is organized into four *segments*, one for each layer. Each segment contains the program for that layer. Layer 0 is boot-block ROM. Layer 1 has two copies, to provide full *atomicity*<sup>1</sup> for Miniboot 1 updates.
- *BBRAM* is organized in to four sections, one for each layer. Each section contains the secrets for that layer.
- *EEPROM* contains some special status fields.

**Hardware Locks** Write-access to FLASH, read/write access to *BBRAM*, and read/write access to the *EEPROM* are guarded by the separate *Hardware Lock Microcontroller (HLM)*.

- The HLM makes many access control decisions based on the value of its internal *ratchet*. Hardware reset clears this value to zero; the HLM will advance the ratchet when requested by the main CPU, but the only way to decrease the current value is a hardware reset—which also forces the CPU to begin executing from known ROM in known state.
- The HLM also implements, in internal *EEPROM*, the *factory sticky bit*. Once this bit is turned off (indicating the device is about to venture from the secure factory into the cruel world), the HLM will never let it be turned on again.

(The hardware lock is a critical part of ensuring that the Miniboot security software works despite potentially arbitrary software in Layers 2 and 3.)

<sup>1</sup>By “atomicity,” we mean that a change happens *entirely*, or *not at all*—despite failures and interruptions. Since Miniboot 1 supports in-field firmware repair, it’s critical that a working copy of Miniboot 1 itself always be present. Our approach eliminates the window of vulnerability created by the underlying FLASH memory technology, which requires first erasing a region, then rewriting it.

### **3.3 Included Algorithms**

The module includes these NIST-approved algorithms:

- DSS
- SHA-1
- DES
- 3DES

The module also includes these algorithms:

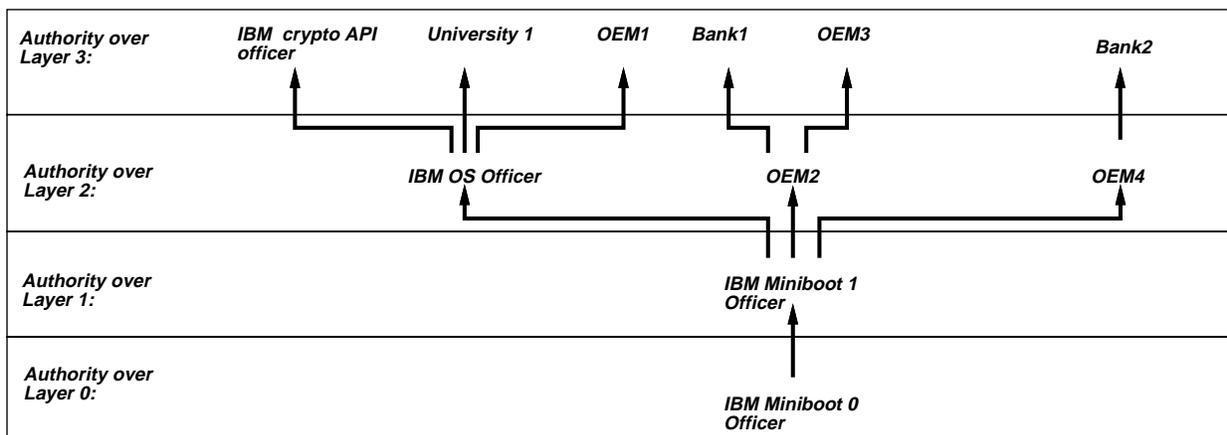
- RSA (for signing, and also for encryption)
- OAEP padding for public-key encryption
- ISO9796 padding for public-key signatures
- hardware random number generation

<b>Security Requirements Section</b>	<b>Level</b>
Cryptographic Module	4
Module Interfaces	4
Roles and Services	4
Finite State Machine	4
Physical Security	4
Software Security	4
Operating System Security	N/A
Key Management	4
Cryptographic Algorithms	4
EMI/EMC	4
Self Test	4

**Table 2** Module Security Level Specification.

## **4 Cryptographic Module Security Level**

This module is intended to be Level 4. See Table 2.



**Figure 4** Although each device has at most one officer in charge of each layer. The space of *all* officers over *all* devices is organized into a tree. This diagram shows an example hierarchy.

## 5 Roles and Services

### 5.1 Roles

Our module has roles for *Officer 0*, *Officer 1*, *Officer 2*, *Officer 3* and a generic *user*.

Each layer in each card either has an external officer who is in charge of it (“owns” it)—or is “unowned.” This entity does not have to be co-located with the card—in fact, it usually isn’t. (Further, any one officer may be in charge of layers in many cards.)

We enforce a tree structure on officers:

- All cards will have IBM\_Officer\_0 as their *Officer 0*.
- All cards will have IBM\_Officer\_1 as their *Officer 1*.
- If layer  $n$  is unowned in a card, then no layer  $m > n$  can be owned.
- One owns exactly one layer  $n$  (but perhaps in many cards); one’s parent owner ( $n - 1$ ) must be the same in all such cards.

Figure 4 through Figure 6 sketch examples of this structure.

A card’s *Officer 2* is identified by a two-byte OwnerID chosen by its *Officer 1*. A card’s *Officer 3* is identified (among all other officers sharing the same *Officer 2* parent) by a two-byte OwnerID chosen by its *Officer 2*. (Both OwnerIDs together identify an *Officer 3* among *all Officer 3s*.)

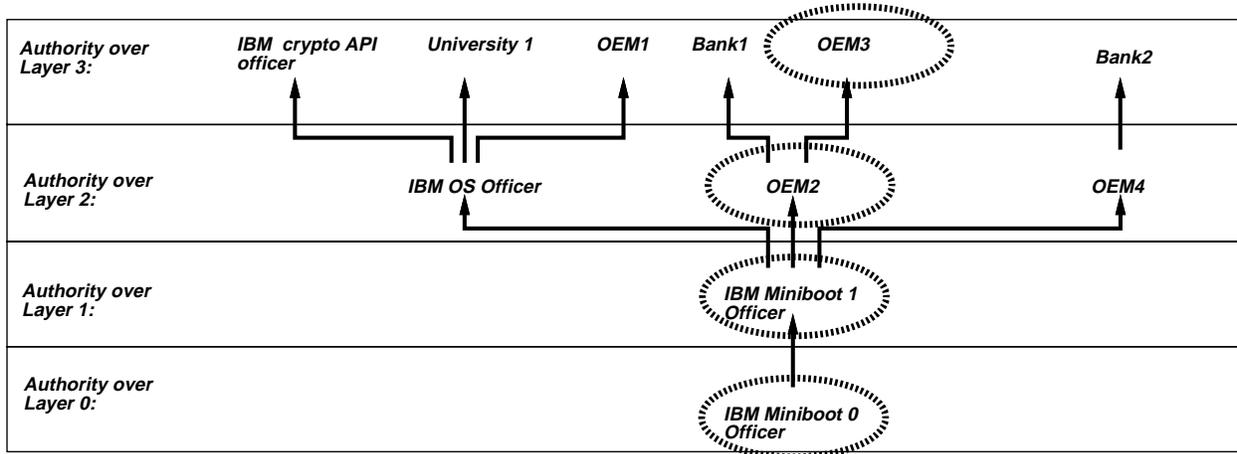
We additionally have a notion of *User*: someone who happens to be communicating with the card wherever it is installed. (See also Section 7).

Specific application programs may define other classes of principals.

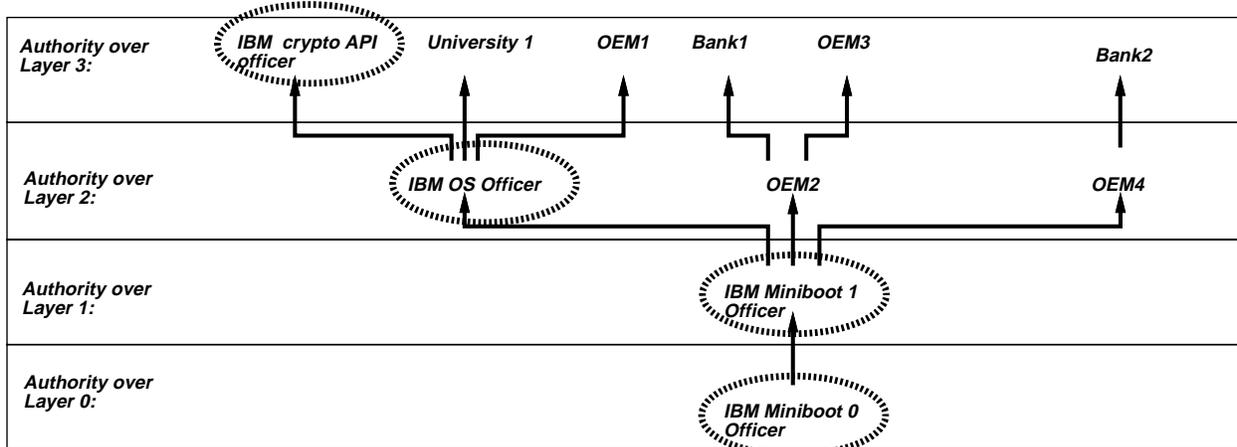
### 5.2 Services

Our module provides three types of services:

- Miniboot *queries*



**Figure 5** Within this example owner hierarchy, one family of devices might have a Layer 2 controlled by “OEM2” and a Layer 3 controlled by “OEM 3.”



**Figure 6** Within this example owner hierarchy, another family of devices might have the IBM OS/Control Program in Layer 2 and the IBM crypto API in Layer 3.

- Miniboot *commands*
- run-time *BBRAM requests*

Miniboot queries and commands must be presented to the module from its host, when the appropriate half of Miniboot is executing.

As the name implies, Miniboot runs at boot time. Hardware reset forces the 486 to begin executing from a fixed address in Segment 0, which contains POST0 and Miniboot 0 (MB0). If POST0 fails, the device halts. If POST0 is successful, then Miniboot 0 executes. It listens and responds to zero or more queries, followed by exactly one command.

If the command is a *Continue* and Segment 1 is deemed safe, execution proceeds to Segment 1, which contains POST1 and Miniboot 1 (MB1). If POST1 fails, the device halts. If POST1 is successful, then Miniboot 1 executes. It listens and responds to zero or more queries, followed by exactly one command. If the command is a *Continue* and Segment 2 is deemed safe, execution proceeds to Segment 2.

When they are executing, *Program\_2* or *Program\_3* may present run-time BBRAM queries to the module.

**Halt** In many situations, Miniboot will halt, by sending out an explanatory code, and entering a halt/spin state. In particular, Miniboot will halt upon:

- rejection of any command
- successful completion of any command other than “Continue”
- detection of any error
- detection of any other condition requiring alteration of configuration

This was a design decision: always halting makes it easier to be sure that precondition checks and clean-up are applied in a known order.

**Reset** To resume operation, the user must cause another hardware reset. On a hardware level, the device can be reset by:

- power-cycling the device
- triggering the “Add-on Reset” signal in bit 24 in the Bus Master Control/Status Register

On a software level, the IBM-supplied host-side device drivers will transparently reset the device (via the “Add-on Reset” signal) when appropriate:

- When the user “closes” the device after opening it for Miniboot
- When the user “opens” the device for Miniboot, but the device driver detects the device is halted.
- When the user opens the device for ordinary operation, but the host-side driver determines that the device is not already open. (In this case, the IBM-supplied host-side device drivers will transparently reset the device and also execute MB0 Continue and MB1 Continue, to try to advance to the Program 2 code.)

**Receipts** Upon successful public-key commands, Miniboot 1 provides a signed receipt (to prove to a remote officer that the command actually took place, on an untampered card). Miniboot 1 also signs its query responses.

### 5.3 Inbound Authentication

Miniboot authenticates each command request individually.

For  $N \geq 1$ , Miniboot authenticates a command from Officer  $N$  by verifying that the *public-key signature* on the command came from the entity that is Officer  $N$  for that card, and was acting in that capacity when the signature was produced. This approach enables the officers to be located somewhere other than the devices they control.

Miniboot authenticates the Officer 0 commands (used for emergency repairs when the device is returned to the IBM factory vault) using secret-key authentication based on DES. Use of any of these commands destroys any other officer secrets that may remain in the device.

### 5.4 Outbound Authentication

At the last stage of manufacturing, Miniboot on a card generates its first keypair. IBM certifies the public key to belong to that untampered card with that version of Miniboot. This certificate attests that the entity which knows the private key matching that public key is that untampered card, with that Miniboot software.

Each time Miniboot 1 replaces itself, it generates a keypair for its successor and certifies the new public key with its current private key. This certificate establishes that if one trusted the current installation of Miniboot, then one can trust the identity of the next one.

Each time the application configuration changes, Miniboot 1 also generates and certifies a keypair for Layer 2. (Miniboot also zeroizes the old Layer 2 private key, if one exists.) This certification binds that keypair to that application configuration on that card. (Our intention is that Layer 2 will in turn use this keypair to provide outbound authentication services to the application.)

This binding, coupled with the trust chain for Miniboot's own keypair, permits parties to make accurate trust judgments about the entity wielding a private key certified this way.

### 5.5 SRDI

The value of a secure coprocessor lies in its ability to be a trusted platform: “the real thing, doing the right thing.”

Since it is Miniboot and the hardware—the module, as submitted for this validation—that provides this property, the SRDI for Miniboot consist of the various authentication and configuration elements. These fall into two groups.

For Layer 1 through Layer 3, the SRDI consists of:

- the identity of the officer over this layer
- that officer's public key

Since Layer 1 is Miniboot 1, its BBRAM state includes the *device private key* that provides the foundation of that untampered device's outbound authentication ability. The higher layer BBRAM state includes the Layer 2 private key noted above.

The Layer 0 state includes the TDES secrets used for secret-key authentication of Officer 0. (Note, however, that if Officer 0 uses these secrets to potentially affect the configuration of a higher layer, that layer's secrets are atomically destroyed.)

### 5.6 Queries and Commands

Table 3 below summarizes the queries and commands that Miniboot offers.

**Miniboot 0 Queries** Miniboot 0 provides two queries:

- *Query: Status.* This query returns general status information about the card software versions, card identification.
- *Query: Secret Key Authentication Certificate.* This query returns the Secret Key Authentication (SKA) Certificate in Segment 1, if one can be found. (Since the SKA Certificate is necessary for recovering from a damaged Segment 1, it is recommended that users retain a back-up copy off-card.)

**Miniboot 0 Commands** Miniboot 0 provides these commands:

- *IBM Burn.* Install a new Program 1 and public key for *Officer 1*, while still in the factory but after it's no longer convenient to change the FLASH chips.
- *Emergency Burn 1.* Install a new Program 1 and public key for *Officer 1*, in an untampered card that has gone out into the cruel world but been returned to the factory for repair.
- *Revive.* Resurrect an (allegedly) untampered card that has been zeroized and been returned to the factory for repair. (However, revival of production cards is not part of our current business practice.)
- *Refresh SKA.* Replace the SKA secrets and SKA certificate.
- *Continue.* Continue execution to Segment 1, if possible.

Note that all Miniboot 0 commands except "Continue" are carried out within an IBM secure facility.

**Miniboot 1 Queries** Miniboot 1 provides these queries:

- *Query: Get Health.* The requester selects and sends a nonce. The card returns a signed response containing general health information:
  - the same data as Miniboot 0's *Status*
  - identifying information about code and owners in reliable segments
  - the nonce (so the requester can know this response is fresh)
- *Query: Certlist.* The card returns a signed response containing the certificate chain taking the card's current public key back to the IBM Factory CA (Certificate Authority).

**Miniboot 1 Commands** Miniboot 1 provides these commands:

- *IBM Initialize.* While still in the factory: generate a device keypair and SKA secrets, have these certified by the Factory CA, and turn the "factory sticky bit" off forever. (This command is rejected if sticky bit is already off.)
- *Field Certify.* Cause an initialized card with no keypair to generate a new device keypair and have it certified.
- *Re-Certify.* Atomically replace the device certificate and empty the transition certificate list. (It's a good idea to verify that you know the public key of the card first!)
- *Establish Owner  $n$ ,* for  $n > 1$ . Give an UNOWNED layer  $n$  to someone.
- *Surrender Owner  $n$ ,* for  $n > 1$ . Give up ownership of Layer  $n$ .
- *Ordinary Burn  $n$ .* Ordinary update of Program  $n$  and public key for *Officer  $n$* , in an untampered card. (In preliminary documentation, this was called "Remote Burn." The older term may still persist in a few places.)
- *Emergency Burn  $n$*  for  $n > 1$ . Install Program  $n$  and public key for *Officer  $n$* , in an untampered card—but without using current contents of Segment  $n$ .
- *Continue.* Continue execution to Segment 2, if possible.

## 5.7 Run-time BBRAM Requests

**Resources** The module has two types of BBRAM.

- Lockable BBRAM (*L-BBRAM*) is accessed via the HLM. (We use the term *Page<sub>n</sub>* to refer to the layer-*n* area here. Layer 2's area also consists of a separate *KeyArea<sub>2</sub>*.)
- The *RTC-BBRAM* is accessed directly by the 486. (Only Layer 2 and Layer 3 have regions here.) We use the term *Region<sub>n</sub>* to refer to the layer-*n* area here.)

As noted earlier, each layer owns a section of BBRAM.

- Layer 0 owns *Page<sub>0</sub>*.
- Layer 1 owns *Page<sub>1</sub>*.
- Layer 2 owns *Page<sub>2</sub>*, the *KeyArea<sub>2</sub>*, and *Region<sub>2</sub>*.
- Layer 3 owns *Page<sub>3</sub>* and *Region<sub>3</sub>*.

**Service** Run-time BBRAM requests consist of HLM requests, and direct access to the *L-BBRAM*. We document the post-bootstrap requests here because our module has two goals:

- If *Program<sub>n</sub>* advances the ratchet before crossing a “trust boundary,” the private data it stores in *Page<sub>n</sub>* will be protected from access after that crossing.
- Miniboot will see that *Page<sub>n</sub>* and *Region<sub>n</sub>* will be cleared when configurations change in specified untrusted ways.

Here are the post-bootstrap *RTC-BBRAM* services:

- *Read Region n, Write Region n, n ≥ 2.*

Here are the post-bootstrap *L-BBRAM* services:

- *Advance Ratchet to n.* Advance the trust ratchet. (Miniboot 1 will advance it to  $n = 2$  before passing control to Program 2.)
- *Read Page n, Read Key Area 2 (n ≥ 2).* Read that page from *L-BBRAM* into *DRAM*.
- *Atomic Write Page n, Atomic Write Key Area 2 (n ≥ 2).* Atomically write data into that page. (Done via an “open-write-commit” sequence of HLM commands.)
- *Atomic Clear Page n, Atomic Clear Key Area 2 (n ≥ 2).* Atomically write zeros into that page.
- *Read EEPROM.* Read public *EEPROM* data.

## 5.8 Roles vs. Services

Table 3 summarizes what commands are allowed for what roles.

Each role must authenticate separately for each service request, as part of that request. Per our design goals, Officer *n* (for  $n > 0$ ) can do this remotely.

Figure 7 illustrates how the commands change initialization of the device; Figure 8 illustrates how the command change the configuration of Segment 2 and Segment 3.

		Services		Roles							
				Officer 0 (IBM)	Officer 1 (IBM)	Officer 2	Officer 3	User			
<b>QUERIES</b>		Query: SKA Cert	Permitted for anyone who asks.								
		Query: Status									
		Query: Signed Health									
		Query: Certlist									
<b>COMMANDS</b>	<b>Run</b>		Continue to Seg1								
			Continue to Seg2								
	<b>Security</b>		IBM Initialize	Permitted for anyone who asks, while STILL IN FACTORY							
			Field Certify	YES							
			Re-Certify						YES	YES, if privileged	YES, if privileged
			Revive	YES							
			Refresh SKA	YES							
		Establish Officer 2		YES							
		Establish Officer 3		YES							
		Surrender Officer 2		YES							
		Surrender Officer 3		YES							
	<b>Code</b>	Burn new program 1, public key for officer 1	At the factory (IBM Burn)	Permitted for anyone who asks, while STILL IN FACTORY							
			Ordinary Burn1		YES						
		Emergency Burn1	YES								
		Burn new program 2, public key for officer 2	Ordinary Burn2		YES						
			Emergency Burn2		YES						
Burn new program 3, public key for officer 3		Ordinary Burn3			YES						
	Emergency Burn3		YES								

**Table 3** Miniboot command/query policy.

**SRDI** Table 4 summarizes how SRDI is accessed in each of these scenarios.

As noted earlier, the Model 2 family also includes full outbound authentication support. OA introduces a handful of new data items:

- TDES entity keys for the Layer 2 and Layer 3 (stored in BBRAM)
- a keypair for Layer 2 to use, certified by the device private key (stored in FLASH, but the private key is encrypted with the Layer 2 configuration TDES key)

When the Layer 2 or 3 configuration changes, Miniboot overwrites the old TDES key with new ones. When the Layer 3 configuration changes, Miniboot generates and certifies a new Layer 2 keypair.

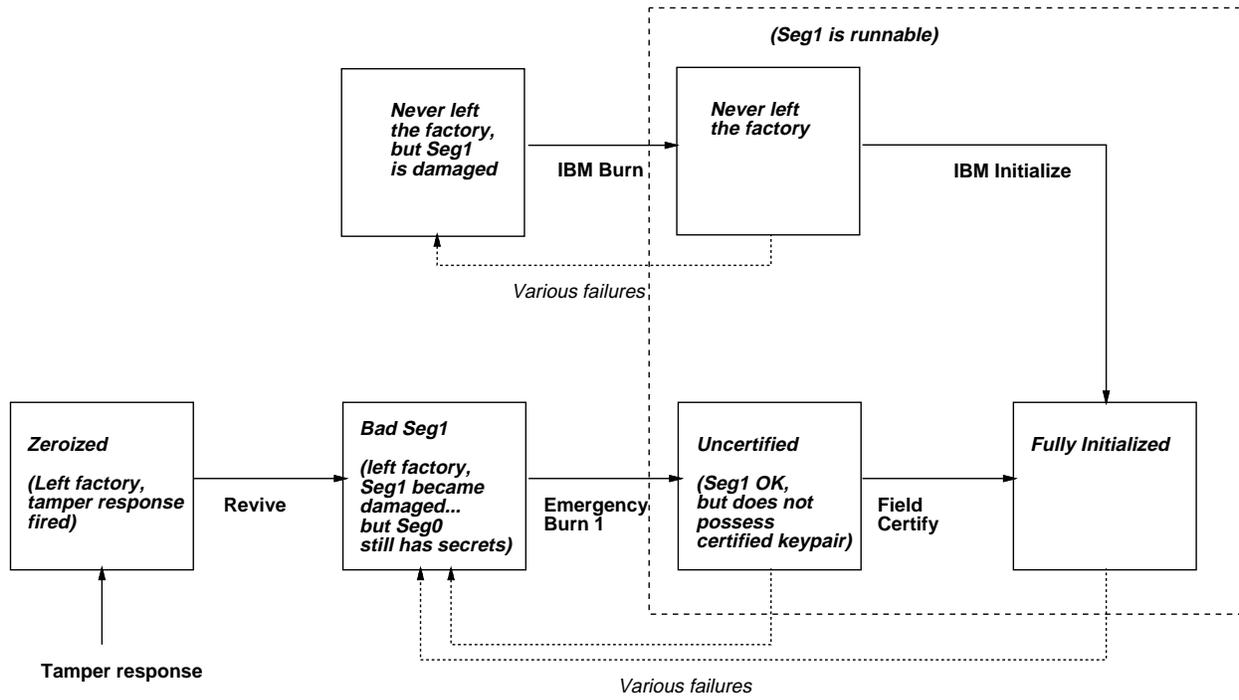
## 5.9 Overall Security Goals

The overall goal of this policy is to ensure that the following properties hold:

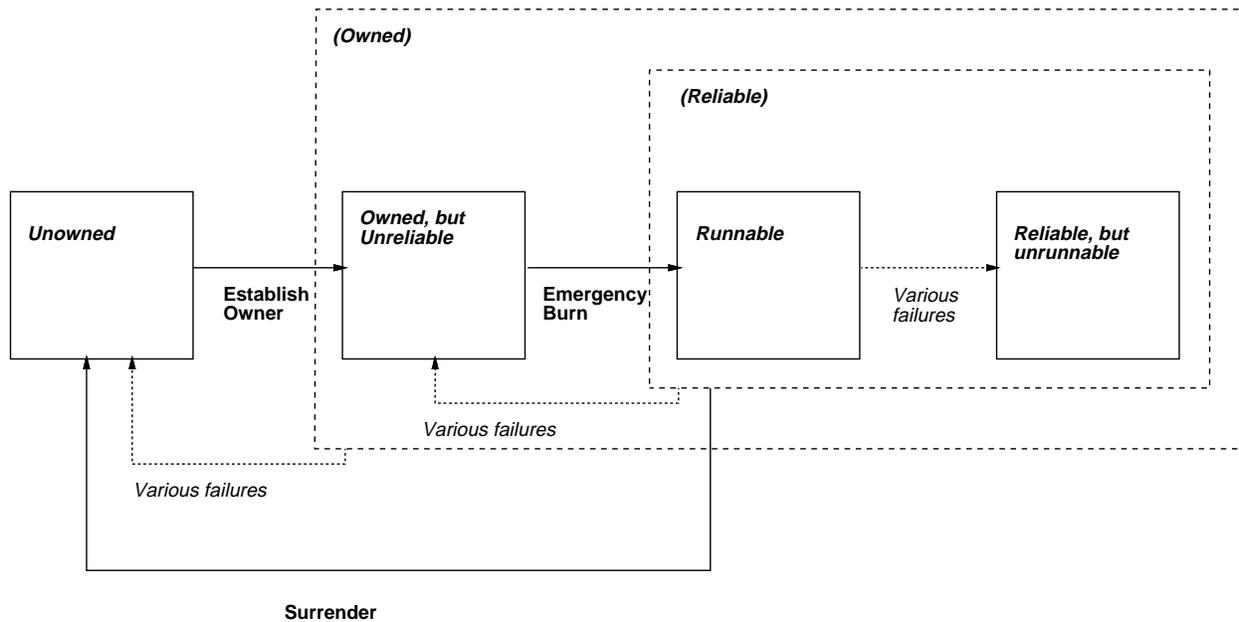
- **Safe Execution.** Miniboot will not execute or pass control to code that depends on hardware that has failed.
- **Access to Secrets.** Program  $n$  should have neither read nor write access to the secrets belonging to Program  $k < n$ .
- **Safe Zeroization.** In case of attack or failure, the device will destroy the secrets belonging to Program  $n$  before an adversary can access the memory where those secrets are stored.  
Besides hardware tamper, such attacks may include (for  $k < n$ ) loading of a Program  $k$  that Officer  $n$  does not trust, or fraudulent behavior by some Officer  $k$ .
- **Control of Software.** Should layer  $n$  later change in any way *other* than demotion due to failure, some *current* Officer  $k$  (for  $k < n$ ) is responsible for that action (using his current authentication keys).
- **Outbound Authentication.** On-board applications can authenticate themselves to anyone. Suppose Alice knows a Layer 2 private key certified back, through Miniboot on an untampered card, to IBM. If Bob trusts the entities named in this certification chain, then Bob can conclude that Alice is the application entity named in that last certificate.

		Services	SRDI use (in any role that accesses this service)	
<b>QUERIES</b>		Query: SKA Cert	<i>Reads SKA Certificate</i>	
		Query: Status	<i>Reads status, including layer owner identities</i>	
		Query: Signed Health	<i>Reads status, including owner identities and public keys</i>	
		Query: Certlist	<i>Reads certificates</i>	
<b>COMMANDS</b>	<b>Run</b>	Continue to Seg1		
		Continue to Seg2		
	<b>Security</b>	IBM Initialize	<i>Generates device keypair; writes new certificates; clears Layer 2 and 3 parameters and BBRAM</i>	
		Field Certify	<i>Generates device keypair; writes new certificates</i>	
		Re-Certify	<i>Writes new certificate</i>	
		Revive	<i>Writes SKA Cert, clears device keypair, clears Layer 2 and 3 parameters and BBRAM</i>	
		Refresh SKA	<i>Writes SKA Cert</i>	
	<b>Officers</b>	Establish Officer 2	<i>Writes Layer 2 owner ID</i>	
		Establish Officer 3	<i>Writes Layer 3 owner ID</i>	
		Surrender Officer 2	<i>Clears Layer 2 and 3 parameters and BBRAM</i>	
		Surrender Officer 3	<i>Clears Layer 3 paramaters and BBRAM</i>	
	<b>Code</b>	Burn new program 1, public key for officer 1	At the factory (IBM Burn)	<i>Loads Layer 1 public key; clears Layer 2 and 3 parameters and BBRAM</i>
			Ordinary Burn1	<i>Loads Layer 1 public key; optionally clears Layer 2 and 3 parameters and BBRAM</i>
			Emergency Burn1	<i>Loads Layer 1 public key; clears Layer 2 and 3 parameters and BBRAM</i>
		Burn new program 2, public key for officer 2	Ordinary Burn2	<i>Loads Layer 2 public key; optionally clears Layer 3 parameters and BBRAM</i>
			Emergency Burn2	<i>Loads Layer 2 public key; clears Layer 2 BBRAM and Layer 3 parameters</i>
		Burn new program 3, public key for officer 3	Ordinary Burn3	<i>Loads Layer 3 public key</i>
	Emergency Burn3		<i>Loads Layer 3 public key; clears Layer 3 BBRAM</i>	

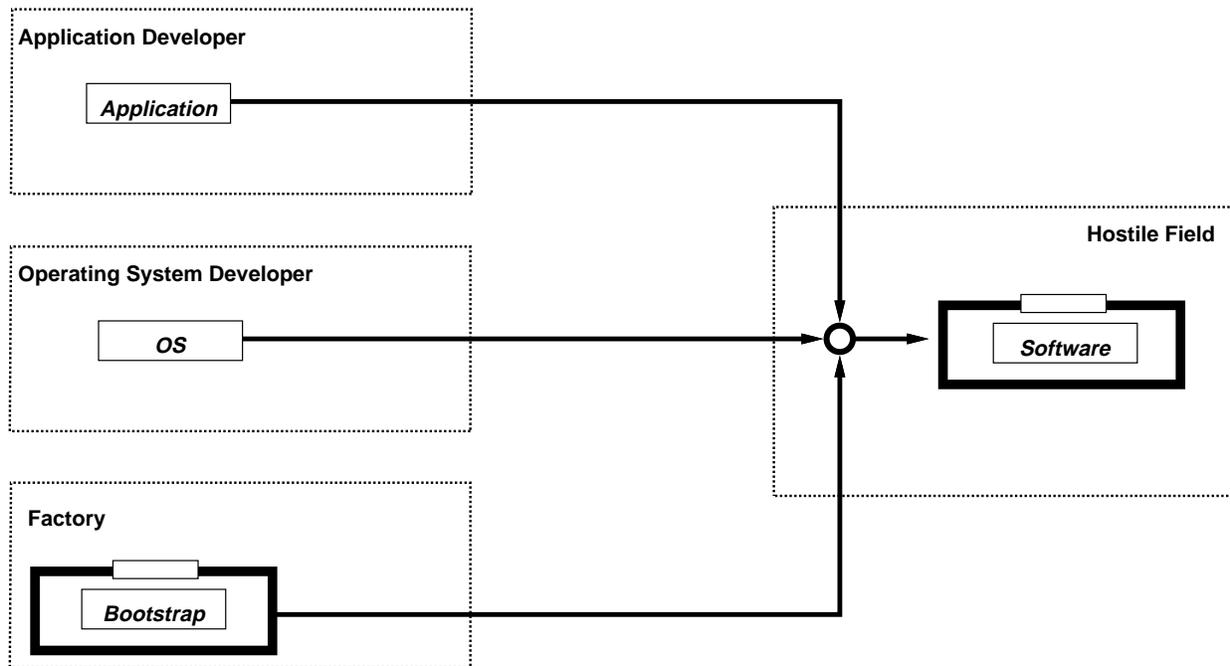
**Table 4** Summary of roles vs. services vs. SDRI access.



**Figure 7** A sketch of the configurations and main flows for device initialization and Segment 1.



**Figure 8** A sketch of the configurations and main flows for Segment  $n$ , for  $n > 1$ . Note that, in addition to the transitions shown, one can also “Burn” or “Emergency Burn” from any of the *reliable* states into *Runnable*.



**Figure 9** The IBM 4758 Model 2 supports three layers of rewritable software, from potentially mutually suspicious developers, configurable in a hostile field location, with neither trusted courier nor on-site security officer.

## 6 Security Rules

The module shall maintain the state of an officer's program only while the module continuously maintains an environment for that program that is verifiably trusted by that officer.

The module shall not require officers to trust each other (or trust the hardware manufacturer) any more than is necessary.

The module shall support public-key authentication, wherever possible.

The module shall permit officers to retain their data across uploads, where possible and reasonable.

The module shall enable all three rewritable software layers to be installed and maintained in a hostile field, without the use of trusted couriers or on-site security officers. See Figure 9.

## 7 FIPS-Related Definitions

This FIPS validation addresses *only* the hardware, and Layer 0 and Layer 1 of the software—the generic device, as shipped.

For the purposes of this FIPS 140-1 validation:

- Officer 0 relates to the “Cryptographic Officer 0” role. (This officer operates only in the secure factory)
- Officer 1 through Officer 3 relate to the “User 1” through “User 3” roles, respectively. (These entities use the validated software to control, install, and maintain the configuration of the device, once it’s shipped.)

(Recall also the Miniboot SRDI discussion in Section 5.5.)

## 8 Module Configuration for FIPS 140-1 Compliance

### 8.1 Miniboot

To be a FIPS-compliant module, the device must be loaded with Version 1 or later of the follow-on Miniboot 1. Model 2 devices are shipped with compliant versions; all subsequent Seg1 code loads for Model 2 should also be compliant.

To then operate in a FIPS-complaint mode, each officer must choose DSS for their public keys.

### 8.2 Layers 2 and 3

The Miniboot software currently submitted for validation only controls the configuration of the device. Miniboot responds to queries and

- *either* responds to a configuration-changing command (then halts),
- *or* proceeds to invoke the program in Layer 2 (if it's there)—and goes away forever (until the next boot)

Because Miniboot advances the trust ratchet *before* passing control to Layer 2, the SRDI<sup>2</sup> that Miniboot depends on (in protected FLASH and the Miniboot region of lockable BBRAM) cannot be compromised by Layer 2 or Layer 3.

As noted earlier, no matter what is loaded into Layer 2 and Layer 3, our validation establishes:

- that Miniboot will still run securely the next time the device is reset;
- that if an entity uses a private key which Miniboot certified to belong to an untampered card in a specified application configuration, either that entity is that application configuration on that card, or that application configuration on that card gave away its key.

In order to actually do something, the device must be loaded with Layer 2 (and, depending on the design of that program, Layer 3 as well).

Hence, to operate after bootstrap as a FIPS-compliant module, layers 2 and 3 must also be FIPS validated. The level of validation of the module in operation, as a whole, will be limited by the level of validation of these layers.

However, if both Layer 2 *and* Layer 3 are FIPS-validated, and neither permits ANY unvalidated code to run in the device, then the operating system/Orange Book requirements of FIPS 140-1 will not apply to the OS/control program residing in Layer 2.

### 8.3 Determining Mode of Operation

The “Signed Heath Query” to Miniboot 1 will return the identities and revisions of each layer’s programs, and the signature-algorithm chosen by each officer.

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<sup>2</sup>Security Relevant Data Item (SRDI) is a term used in the FIPS 140-1 Derived Test Requirements.